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TO: All WSLC Affiliates

FROM: Jeff Johnson, President *J.J.*

SUBJECT: Women's Committee Scholarship Nominations

*****PLEASE READ AT YOUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING*****

The Washington State Labor Council Women's Committee is offering four (4) scholarships to the 33rd Annual Western Regional Summer Institute on Union Women 2014 (SIUW) scheduled to run July 8 – 13, 2014. Sponsored by the AFL-CIO and the United Association for Labor Education, this is a week at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, to honor, strengthen, and support women in the labor movement.

The summer school offers a series of in-depth courses, workshops, solidarity and fun! (See enclosed.) While agendas have not yet been finalized, prior summer school classes have included leadership development, organizing our unions and communities for action, and communication strategies.

Scholarships include tuition, room and board provided at the facility, and reasonable travel expenses. No time loss will be paid. Participants must be able to take vacation or union leave.

The deadline for applying for one of these scholarships is **May 2, 2014**. The application form (see form on reverse), along with a 100-word or less letter from the applicant, must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarships, please contact Women's Committee staff liaison, **Kairie Pierce**, at 360.570.5167 or kpierce@wslc.org.

WSLC WOMEN'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Local Union: _____

Occupation: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Please sign below and attach a 100-words or less description of why you are applying for a scholarship and what you hope to get out of the program.

Signature

Date



Please return completed applications to:
Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
906 Columbia Street SW, Suite 330
Olympia, WA 98501
Attn: Kairie Pierce



2014 Summer Institute for Union Women Together Women Win

July 8 - 13, 2014
University of Victoria
Victoria, British Columbia

The Western Regional Summer Institute for Union Women (SIUW) offers an intensive week of learning within a supportive environment in which union women can develop their skills as workers, activists and leaders. Hosted by the British Columbia Federation of Labour, the Institute will be held at the University of Victoria (UVIC).

Our theme, Together Women Win, reflects labour's commitment to providing women with both the skills and strategies to understand the key issues for labour and how that understanding can help us participate in the upcoming elections, and develop stronger representation among leadership within our unions and political institutions. We need the world to hear more women's voices speaking out on issues that matter to us, issues like universal early learning and childcare, retirement security, the economy, poverty and other important issues.

We need to see more women elected at all levels of government, and into union leadership positions, speaking out for our communities at the federal, provincial and local government levels. Women as elected officials can advocate for better legal protections, program funding and rights, and lead national fights on issues that matter to women at the local, provincial and national levels. Electing women into office in our unions will bring our particular strengths to the internal processes of our labour movements, and give women a central role in advancing women's issues.

The **core courses** offer you the opportunity to learn new skills to enable you to take the next steps in the political arena, your union or in your community.

The **workshops** are an opportunity to take a look at integrating into our daily lives and within our unions those resources available elsewhere in the activist community. Workshops include case studies on worker centre modules, Free trade effects on women, Dynamics of Power, Self Care, avoiding burn-out as an activist, Aboriginal Relations, Temporary Foreign Workers/Guest Workers, Media, Women's contemporary history and much more.

The Institute is designed to allow women a positive learning experience, acquire new skills and provide an opportunity to network in a safe, relaxed atmosphere.

Again this year, we have provided an incentive for early registration. **Fees for registrations received on or before June 6, 2014** are \$675 (single room), \$600 (shared double room), and \$500 (no accommodation required). **For registrations received after June 6, 2014**, the fees are \$725 (single room), \$675 (shared double room) and \$550 (no accommodation required).

Course instructors are carefully selected from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. They are union staff, Officers, rank-and-file members and community activists.

Come and participate in a unique school dedicated to increasing the awareness, skill level and knowledge of our women unionists.

In solidarity,

IRENE LANZINGER
Secretary-Treasurer

2014 SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR UNION WOMEN

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION? HOW TO REACH US

Registration and Accommodation, and Program/Course Content

For questions regarding Registration and Accommodations, Programs or Course Content, please contact:

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Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1
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The information contained in this brochure is also available on our website, at www.siuw-2014.com

We look forward to meeting you at this year's Summer Institute for Union Women.

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